

Richard Joseph Sieger 1922 - 2009

Richard Sieger, 86, of Ojai, died on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008, at the Ojai Valley Community Hospital surrounded by the family that loved him.

Richard was born Feb. 13, 1922, in Inglewood, Calif., to Edward and Adele Sieger. He graduated from Loyola High School in Los Angeles in 1939 and the University of Southern California in 1943 with a degree in chemical engineering.

Upon his induction into the Navy in 1943, Richard was sent to Cal Tech where he received a master's in meteorology. He then served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Boxer in the Pacific Theater as a meteorologist and admiral's staff member until his discharge in 1946. Richard became a certified public accountant in 1950 and continued his practice until his retirement in 2004. Richard married Betty Salladay in 1948 and Helen Lucking in 1966.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Helen; sons, Richard and his wife, Maria, of Lancaster and Gregory of West Linn, Ore. He is also survived by stepchildren, Lana Fredell of Ojai, Bill Lucking and his wife Bonnie of Ventura, Ruth Col of Henderson, Nev., and Carly Ford and her husband, Ernie, of Ojai; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Walter and Edward; sisters, Marian and Eileen; and granddaughter, Ginny.

Richard enjoyed traveling throughout the United States with Helen, playing golf with grandson, David, reading and watching football. He had a passion for learning, earning another master's degree from UCLA in 1972. Richard's intelligence, knowledge, wit and quiet sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Raymond Sims and Dr. Fred Fauvre, the staff at Ojai Valley Community Hospital and Skilled Nursing, and caregivers Ida Spann, Mercedes Taleon and Carmen Gamez for their outstanding care and compassion.

There will be a celebration of Richard's life at a later date. Memorial donations can be made in his honor to The Ojai Valley Community Hospital Foundation, 1306 Maricopa Highway, Ojai, CA 93023, or Children's Hospital of Los Angeles, 4650 Sunset Blvd, No. 29, Los Angeles, CA 90027.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Joseph Reardon Funeral Home, Ventura; 805-643-8623.